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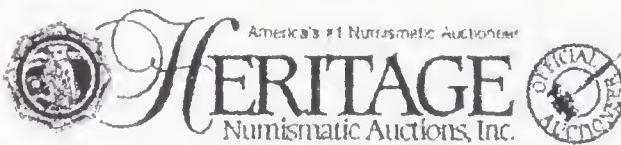
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## **TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By: Jerry Williams**

By the time you receive this message, our Holiday Season will have come and gone and we will be into the New Year. It was a good holiday and a very quite one for us. But the New Year is going to bring lots of traveling for us. The first show will be the Fun Show in Orlando, Florida. This show is the one that usually checks the pulse of how well the coin market is doing. We will be leaving on the 6th of January for that show. We'll take sometime to visit friends in Florida also. Then the next show we'll attend is the Greater Houston Show. This should be a really good one as it has been growing the last couple of years. I'm sure that it is going to be one of the outstanding shows of the year. In March is the spring ANA show in Charlotte, North Carolina. That's a beautiful part of the country and will try to see some of the historical sites there. We're looking forward to attending that show and the National ANA in Baltimore, Maryland in July. I love the conventions because we get to see old friends that we have made along through the years of attending the conventions. I have been attending the ANA conventions for 34 years now. ANA also have tours of interesting places and things to do. Then there is the numismatic theater that also has wonderful speakers and something of interest for everyone. Our Texas State Convention will be May 9, 10, and 11 in Fort Worth, so you need to make plans to attend that one. Fort Worth is such an interesting place to visit with many things to do. We also have a number of local shows that you can enjoy. Check the TNA News calendar of events and make your plans to attend. I will be reporting on the shows that I attend, then you'll know what you have missed. One of the topics at the last board meeting in Mc Kinney was how to get young people into the numismatic world. I appointed five members to serve on a committee to establish some ideals. At our annual convention Russell Prinzinger held a Youth auction which around 200 young people attended. Russell is doing a great job, but we need them year around and involved year around. Do any of you have some brilliant ideals, please let me know. I have wanted to get the youth involved in this organization for years. Gary and Cindy Hill are doing a fine job on the coin's for A's program. That program is for every child that makes A's on his or her report card will receive a coin by just mailing a copy of its report card to the Hill's.

Another problem that was brought at the board meeting was to move the spring board meeting around the state. We have forty clubs in our state. We would like to be part of your show and have our board meeting with you and your club. If you have any ideals about our hobby, please let me know.

Till the next time, Jerry Williams President of TNA.

# A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin

## Welcome 2003!

Wow! Can you believe it is 2003? It seems like yesterday that we were all hoarding our gold and silver and waiting for the catastrophes of Y2K. Now, we are Y2K +3! We are entering into another exciting year for our hobby, more new quarters (and ever closer to 2004 when we get the TEXAS quarter out!), another exciting convention coming up and lots of friends to share our hobby with. As we start off, I encourage you to make it a point this year to do something for your hobby. Time is not an issue as you can do something that will positively impact the hobby that takes only a very short time, such as joining your local club, writing a short article for the news, etc. Or, you can put a lot of time into it and do a major research project with an article for the News, do an exhibit for the convention or prepare an educational program to heighten others' knowledge of your pastime. This edition of the news started out to be very thin as I am totally out of articles and was having a hard time coming up with any. Then, I got a couple and even have to delay one by Paul Garner on recruiting youngsters to the next issue. Why, because Colonel Steven Ellsworth sent me a fabulous article on security at coins shows that I thought should be run in its' entirety. It is long at ten pages, but well worth the ink. Also, he rated all the shows for security for 2001 and we made the list! #4!!! So, as we go on into this new year, be thinking about what you can do for the hobby and if you have time, jot me down a few notes for an article. But, above all, recruit a new member and ENJOY THE HOBBY!!!

If you would like to submit something, please see the deadlines below:

March/April Issue	March 7, 2003
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## **SECRETARY'S NOTES**

**By: RAYMOND E. WHYBORN**

Welcome to new members R-6458 – 6459, R-6461 – 6462 and Chapter C-0224. No objections were received and these applicants became members on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The following have applied for membership. If no objections are received from the membership, they will become members on March 1, 2003.

**R-6463 – D-01** Charles C. Wooley, P.O. Box 16572, Fort Worth TX 76162, DBA C&C. Bullion Coins, American bullion eagles/90% silver, G Hill

**R-6464 – D-12** Jay S. Jackson, P.O. Box 925, Garrison TX 75946, (formerly member R-3980) Paper money, Paul E. Garner.

**R-6465 – D-15** Judy Matherne, 8150 Collier Rd., Beaumont TX 77706, U.S. and Canadian coins, Barbara Williams.

**R-6566 – D-06** Jim Bevill, 2915 Carnegie St., Houston TX 77005-3910, (formerly Member R-6047), U.S. type coins, Secretary's office.

**A-6467 – D-06** Jodie Bevill, 2915 Carnegie St., Houston TX 77005-3910, none stated, Secretary's office.

**The VIP AWARD this issue is shared by**

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## **2003 NOMINATIONS**

Due to the slow receipt of nominations for the offices of President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer and Governors for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 11 and 12, President Williams has extended the deadline for submission of nominations, nominee's acceptance and vitae or short bio to the Secretary by letter or e-mail ([rewnjw@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rewnjw@worldnet.att.net)) by **FEB 15**.  
This is your last chance to nominate the officers you wish to serve you for the next two years

**Nominations for TNA elected officers and governors for the  
2003-2005 term received by the Secretary as of the 31  
January 2002 official cut-off date are as follows:**

**NOTE: Several candidates have been nominated, and have accepted the nomination, for more than one position**

Nothing in the bylaws precludes a member from seeking or being nominated for more than one office; however, Article 5, Section 5-01 of the bylaws states that: "*Any two or more offices, elected or appointed, may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.*" All names will appear on the official ballot and it will be up to the membership to determine whether they wish to have a candidate hold two offices simultaneously.

## **SECRETARY**

**Harrell H. "Hal" Cherry, R-5709,** Richardson TX.  
Currently Governor of District 5. Age not specified, but collector since 1950 (52 yrs). Business graduate of UT, retired after 39 years in the insurance industry (30 years of which were in management positions; author of journal length articles, book reviews; and, is current Journal Editor, board member and former president of *Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association* Currently Secretary and Newsletter Editor of Dallas Coin Club newsletter. Member of Dallas and Northeast Tarrant County Coin Clubs, EAC, PMCS, Fractional Currency Board and other organizations and civic organizations.

**Paul E. Garner, LM-139,** Waco TX. Currently Governor of District 16/17. Born 1937, married 4 children, 3 grandchildren, USAF (ret) from 1954-75, Defense Logistic Agency (DLA), [civil service], 1989-2001, coin dealer since 1964 and collector since age 6. Life Member of ONA, LNA, MS, AR, KS, AL & GA Numismatic Association and CSNS. Author of *Silver Coins of the World since 1900* and numerous articles on numismatics.

# **GOVERNORS**

## **DISTRICT 1**

**J. Russell Prinzinger, R-5869**, Fort Worth TX. Nominated by Fort Worth Coin Club, Inc. Currently is the Governor of District 1. Member of the TNA Board of Directors, directs the annual TNA Youth Auction, founder of Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club and editor of the club newsletter. Noninee has held the position and is more than qualified.

## **DISTRICT 5**

**Harrell H. "Hal" Cherry, R-5709**, Richardson TX. Nominated by the Dallas Coin Club. Currently is the Governor of District 5. See vitae and personal information above.

## **DISTRICT 7**

**Frank Galindo, LM-162**, San Antonio TX. Nominated by the Gateway Coin Club. Currently is Governor of District 7 and TNA Medals Officer. No vitae submitted, but nominee has held the position a number of terms and is well qualified.

## **DISTRICT 8**

**David A. Burke, LM-167**, Corpus Christi TX. Nominated by the Corpus Christi Coin Club. Currently is the Governor of District 8. TNA Webmaster and also member of the TNA Board of Governors. Member of TNA Hall of Fame. No vitae submitted, but nominee has held the position for a number of terms and is well qualified.

## **DISTRICT 9**

**Gober Pitzer, R-2498**, Levelland TX. Nominated by the Lamb County Coin Club. No vitae submitted. Married with children. Employed by Texas Tech University, member of Lamb County Coin Club, South Plains Coin Club and others. Father is E. Lamonte Pitzer who served many, many terms as Governor of District 9.

## **DISTRICT 13**

**Raymond E. Whyborn, R-1681**, Seymour TX. Nominated by the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club. Currently is Secretary of TNA, former Governor of District 13 (4 terms) and District 7 (6 terms). Member of TNA for over 36 years and recipient of every major TNA award including induction into the TNA Hall of Fame, author of numerous published numismatic and philatelic articles; recipient of Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award and TPA's Forzheimer Philatelic Literature Award; researcher,

cataloger and speaker on numismatic and philatelic subjects; Life Member of Alamo Coin Club; and, active member of Greenbelt and South Plains Coin Clubs and Secretary of the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club.

## **DISTRICT 14**

**Helen Snider, R-3978, McAllen TX.** Nominated by the Hidalgo Coin Club. Currently Governor of District 14. Member of the TNA Board of Directors. Member of TNA Hall of Fame. Vitae was not received by press time, but nominee has held the office for a number of terms and is well qualified.

## **DISTRICT 15**

**Barbara Williams, R-5596, Silsbee TX.** Nominated by Silsbee Coin Club. Currently Governor of District 15. Member of the TNA Board of Director's. No vitae submitted, but nominee has held the office for a number of terms and is well qualified.

## **DISTRICT 16/17**

**Paul E. Garner, LM-139, Waco TX,** Nominated by the Waco Coin Club. Currently Governor of District 16/17. See vitae and personal information above.

# **2003 dues are due and payable now!**

2003 dues notices were mailed to all regular Chapters (\$17) on 31 December 2002. Dues notices for Associate (\$6), Junior (\$8) and Regular (\$17) members were mailed the week of 02 January 2003. Each dues notice contains the appropriate membership card for 2003. The membership card will be activated as soon as the applicable dues are paid. Please sign your membership card as soon as you pay your dues and you'll be set until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2003. This is an election year – Please pay your dues promptly so that you will be eligible to vote for the candidates of your choice.

## **NO FOLLOW-UP OR REMINDERS WILL BE SENT**

**If your dues are not received by 31 March 2003, you will become delinquent and your name will be removed from the database and the mailing list. You will not receive a ballot for the election of 2003-2005 officers nor will you receive the popular *TNA NEWS*. The same applies to Chapters. There is no grace period.**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

by: GERRY KAMMER

## Balance Sheet--As of December 31, 2002

<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
FTB—Money Market	51,848.84
First Texas Bank (FTB)	
Youth Activities Fund	-24.77
Memorial Library Fund	707.58
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
Coin's for A's	1,805.37
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	<u>18,860.02</u>
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	<u>22,348.20</u>
Total Checking/Savings	74,197.04
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Lost Mail Deposit	<u>51.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	51.00
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
CD--Clear Lake National Bank	50,000.00
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>80,000.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>154,248.04</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>154,248.04</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Fund Balance	134,923.87
Net Income	<u>19,324.17</u>
Total Equity	<u>154,248.04</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>154,248.04</u>

## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AUCTION!

Last May, the TNA conducted a free youth auction to interest young people in our hobby. About 300 people attended including 90 children who registered as bidders. Competition was spirited among the bidders for the 200 numismatic items on display.

Every child in attendance received one or more coins in the auction and were eligible for more awards through participation in the mini-seminars, bonus prizes and door prizes. The big eyes and broad smiles on the kids were evidence of their satisfaction. We are scheduled to repeat this program at the May 2003 convention. The biggest challenge facing us at this time is accumulating enough numismatic items to produce the successful event. At this time, we have totally depleted our inventory - we have zero, nada, zip, nothing!

Last year, this notice produced a total of 7 mailed in donations. Out of the approximately 170 dealers at the show, 32 donated items to the auction. Had it not been for the Fort Worth and Mid-Cities coin club members, a huge contribution from secretary Ray Whyborn and support from the TNA treasury, this event would have been a disaster.

If we hope to continue the program, we need support. Please mail your donations as soon as possible so they may be processed as they arrive. Please don't wait until May - that doesn't work. (Almost anything related to numismatics is acceptable. Most lots average about \$8 to \$12 each but lesser values can be combined.)

Call me at 817-656 2540 or E-mail [yanos1@flash.net](mailto:yanos1@flash.net) for more information.

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# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

by Helen Snider

During the 1960's and 1970's in the Rio Grande Valley there were eight coin clubs serving collectors over the 60 miles from Brownsville to McAllen, Mission, Edinburg, and even Reynosa, Mexico. My father and mother John and Ada Lee Chisum were active in ALL of these Clubs during this time. My father was also TNA Governor for District XIV for several terms. After his death, my mother served in the same office and then I followed along after her and I still serve in that same capacity today. The Brownsville Coin Club was organized in January 1960, followed shortly by the Hidalgo Coin Club with meetings held in McAllen. In those early days the Hidalgo Coin Club attendance usually numbered 80. The Harlingen Coin Club formed next and then the Port Isabel Coin Club which met on Sundays on beautiful South Padre Island. There was also the San Benito Club and the Willacy County-Raymondville Club. The Mexico club was the Sociedad Numismatica de Reynosa. The other club at that time was the Numismatic Study Group. That club was unique in that it had no officers, no dues, no formal business, strictly educational. Each member was required to take a turn at presenting a program. Of this Study Group Miriam Gilmore stated, "Up until that time, I could not find any other group which met with no officers, no dues, no formal business session. The early and middle 1960's were for the true collector who had a lasting interest and drive to keep the hobby alive." There are only two clubs remaining from those listed above. The Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley has met continuously since 1961. The Reynosa Club also still has meetings. I actually joined the Hidalgo Coin Club in the early 1960's, but because of college, marriage, etc., I drifted away until the early 1980's. It was always fun to keep up with the coin hobby, the clubs, and all of the shows, through my mother and father. They definitely instilled in me the love of numismatics and the importance of local clubs and our statewide organization. I know for sure that they enjoyed the "Good Old Days" of coin collecting.

# Security at Coin Shows

By: Colonel Steven Ellsworth

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Willie Sutton, one of the most notorious bank robbers of all time, was asked once why he chose to rob banks. His reply was "That's where the money is". If you are a robber or thief today, where could you best find literally millions of dollars worth of coins and currency in one place and for a far easier picking than a bank? At nearly any coin show!

Security risks can never be eliminated, but they can be managed to a tolerable level. Security is a constant goal. Vigilance must always be maintained. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Criminals avoid the vigilant person.

Some of these suggestions you may already know about and practice. Others may be new to you, but when feasible, consider putting them into practice. The more of these suggestions you are able to implement, the lower your risk of becoming a victim. My recommendations and suggestions will be useful and helpful to most collectors and dealers...only if they continually practice these safeguards.

Most security can be developed and divided into four parts: *operational security, perimeter security, external security and interior security*.

*Operational security* would be how you operate, also referred to as "your mode of operation." You need to ask yourself; "What kind of target am I presenting?"

*Perimeter security* is considered the immediate area near the target--your coin collection. For example, at a coin show the area surrounding the facility would be the perimeter. *External security* is considered the outside shell or walls of the show facility. *Internal security* would be inside the facility housing the coin show, the walking aisles, the display tables, and anywhere you can physically touch coins. Your objective should be to try to determine ways you can improve and protect each area.

I have attended and participated in hundreds of coin shows in every region of the United States, as well as a number of coin shows in foreign countries. At some shows the security has been outstanding, others less so, and at some, it has been non-existent. As with all security, it can always be improved. Security methods that worked last year may not necessarily work this year. As a starting point, show officials should have a pre-show security plan and a briefing for all involved show personnel, as well as a more detailed briefing with security personnel. Most police officers, while familiar with many security procedures, may not know the requirements that are unique to numismatics or your particular coin show's location. A checklist and common do's and don'ts should be given to security personnel for review prior to the show. As a minimum, these should be reviewed with security personnel prior to starting their shifts. If you do not have a checklist, perhaps this article, along with my previous three articles on security, could be used as a guide.

*Operational:* Conversations about coins in public places, outside of the coin convention or bourse, could invite unwanted attention. An overheard discussion could be tempting to an otherwise honest person. One of the worst and most common security errors I see are collectors and dealers walking around outside of the coin show, at dinner, hotels and airports with their entrance badges still attached. When these are worn away from the show, I call these "Please rob me first" badges.

As I have said in numerous times in previous articles, "**never, never leave coins unattended in a vehicle**", especially while attending a coin show. Many times at coin shows, collectors ask me if I would be interested in looking at or buying some coins that they have. When I answer yes, they inform me that the coins they wish to sell are

in their car trunk in the parking lot. The only way to make it easier for a thief would be to place a sign on your car stating, "Coins here, Steal them".

Coin shows should always register all attendees. Criminals do not like their names and addresses known prior to committing an offense. Some shows require identification during registration that is even better. If the name and address on the registration card were verified against a picture ID, thievery could be drastically reduced. Larger families using two or three kids to steal under supervision of the adults is a familiar sight in some of the southern shows. Shows charging even a minimal entrance fee discourage many unwanted street people from attending. A name badge should always be issued to all attendees, and security personnel must be vigilant in insisting all attendees wear it in clear view.

At many smaller shows, security can be quite lax. I have seen many times during the pre-show or dealer setup, customers and collectors are inappropriately allowed to enter before the show officially opens to the public. This lapse in security presents a prime opportunity for a potential thief to have easy access to the coins. Most dealers are very busy during setup and breakdown and can be easily distracted. At larger shows, "Early Bird" badges can be purchased for non-tabled dealers and collectors. I personally know of a number of cases when some dealers and collectors arrived early for the sole purpose of stealing coins. Be extra vigilant during setup and breakdown.

If a show does not have trained armed security, I simply would not attend it. If a show does not have adequate security, exhibitors, dealers and attendees are all at serious risk. I have attended small local coin club shows where the local club provided its own security. This may work in some cases, but unless security personnel are fully aware of the legal ramifications of making an apprehension and a possible arrest, I would advise against it. I recently attended a small rural show and was greeted by an 80 year old "Barney Fifer," complete with a huge revolver slung low on his leg as though he was ready for a "Gun Smoke" quick draw. I am sure that his hog-leg cannon had not been fired for years. Needless to say, he was ready to blast any would-be bandit. If a robber tried to rob the show while I was there, however, I would have made myself flatter on the ground than a four-day old Denny's pancake, in fear of being shot as "Barney" labors to unholster his giant revolver.

That security tale can be far surpassed. It was a few years ago during a two-day show. At the end of the first day, as I was closing down for the evening, I inquired when the evening security was due to arrive. The show promoter informed me that he himself was the security and that he planned on sleeping the night in the back room on an army cot. I asked if he was armed, and he informed me he was an anti-gunner and opposed to all firearms. I then asked his mode of emergency communication. He replied there was a pay phone in the back storage room he could use in an emergency, and he had some quarters should the need arise. I finally asked who was providing security while he slept. He said he had his large dog there with him. I immediately packed up my coins, drove 300 miles and nervously slept with them for the night. I later learned that the "guard" and his dog slept so soundly that, the following morning, both could only be awakened after the arriving dealers pounded on the doors for over ten minutes! If I do not think that the facility is at least minimally secure, I will simply not attend a show.

Some shows have put clauses in their bourse contracts prohibiting dealers from bringing a weapon to a coin show while including a paragraph denying any and all responsibility for any theft or injury that may happen to a dealer. This seems illogical to any security minded person. Is the public informed during registration that they are not allowed to bring a licensed firearm on the bourse? If a show does not intend to advise the public about firearm restrictions, then why would they attempt to deny a

dealer, who has a legal license to carry a concealed weapon, to carry it? If a coin show decides to post a sign at the entrance, the sign may as well read, "No Firearms Allowed, Except for Bandits." Are dealers who carry hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise expected not to exercise their second amendment right to ensure their own safety while traveling? Surely some coin show organizers are not suggesting that dealers who elect to protect themselves and exercise their second amendment right leave an unsecured firearm in their hotel room or vehicle?

Thirty-four states allow a citizen who needs to carry a weapon to apply for a Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permit. In most states, after a thorough background check and the fulfillment of all necessary requirements, a permit can be issued. Numerous robberies and thefts happen to collectors and dealers traveling to, during, and immediately following coin shows.

In light of some recent court rulings, organizations and their boards may want to simply eliminate any statement concerning firearms. Individuals who had a legal and valid concealed firearm permit, who were not allowed to carry the firearm, and were later injured by a criminal, have sued the organization. The court ruled that the organization, by not allowing a licensed individual with a CCW to protect themselves, had in fact insured the safety of all those in or near the premises and could be held liable for the injuries. I do not think that the most coin club boards want to take on the fiduciary responsibility of insuring the safety of everyone in route to, attending, or returning from a convention. There is a reason that no gun show in America has ever been successfully robbed. There may be a lesson to be learned here.

Late night events and parties can be fun at coin conventions, but remember that if the next day involves coin business, moderation should be practiced. If you have coins with you, and your travel arrangements will require you to stay in the host hotel of a major show after the final day's closing, I would recommend moving to another location for the night and keeping your coins with you at all times. By staying in a property that housed many coin folks for several days, you are a very vulnerable lone ranger.

At nearly every major coin show you will see dealers and collectors leaving during the show to go to hotels or restaurants while carrying or wheeling coins and currency. It is quite obvious to even the dumbest thief that if they are even a little bit patient, they will have an opportunity to make a score. Individuals sometimes approach dealers or collectors to go "look at a deal" in a home, office or hotel room, away from the security of the show, to make a potential buy. The ploy is usually "there is just too much material for me to carry all the way to a show. If you want to buy it, you will just have to come and see it." The only way it could be more dangerous is if they say, "Bring a lot of cash with you, \$5,000-\$6,000, since I do not accept checks!"

Avoid taking coins out of the secure area of the bourse until you are ready to go home. I would also advise against leaving with any numismatic materials at any time during a multiple day show, especially if you were staying at or near the show-sponsored property.

**Perimeter:** If possible, do a drive-by-visual security inspection of the entire show's perimeter. Devote enough time to familiarize yourself with the surroundings and look for possible danger areas that could be a security problem. Try to think like a thief and "case" the facility looking for vulnerabilities. Check for any dangerous situations or suspicious-looking individuals. It might be worth a call to the show's sponsors to ask about security prior to your decision to attend. As a collector or dealer, learn to trust your instincts. At most professionally run shows, security personnel should be in the off-loading and loading area. If you are a bourse chairman of a show, make sure that

your security personnel are providing security, not helping load and unload dealers' coins and cases, which they sometimes do in an effort to be helpful.

The physical security of the facility during and after show hours is a paramount concern for security personnel. Most convention hall doors are designed to open from the inside with a bar or latch. These must be either secured by a physical barrier or assigned to a specific security person during the show. After closing, bar latches, chains and locks will be needed for every entrance. Trashcans and restrooms are the normal storage places for stolen goods. The thieves, in or outside the facility, can retrieve stolen items later. One dishonest staff person found this tried and true method to be successful for years before being caught. I do not want to think how many employees and former employees have access to most facilities. Once the facility is secured, absolutely no one should be admitted without the bourse chairperson's specific and coordinated written approval. A few years ago an entire show was robbed at gunpoint after security personnel answered the door for an after hour delivery. The thieves made a mistake of going only a few miles to a motel to divide the loot where police arrested them.

**External:** The first thing to do is always secure your coins. When unloading or packing your vehicle, always remember, "Coins out first, when arriving, coins in last when departing." This means that, if you must make two trips to load at a show, you will have to secure your inventory at all times. Work a plan to meet this basic security requirement long before you depart for the show. And do not forget that you are at most risk during setup and breakdown at a show. Nobody is going to look out for you when they are busy with their own tasks - that includes security personnel who are not properly briefed before the show opens for setup. At nearly every show, many dealers arrive long before security personnel even arrive at the facility. You can see the dealers sitting in their vehicles or standing in groups all exaggerating about the great buy or sale they just made. Many times I have been allowed to enter a show while the security personnel are being briefed. If the security staff is being briefed, then who is providing security for me? Absolutely no one!

Lock your cases on top of the table or, better yet, in a large table "body bag" cover. Be sure to check to ensure that the table is secure. Setup and maintenance personnel have a tendency not to lock the table legs in place, causing the table to collapse and spread coins all over the floor.

Most bourse areas are quite large and security personnel cannot be everywhere, especially since most like to congregate at the entrance door or in the back where the coffee and donuts are. A dishonest staff person would have an easy time of snatching a few items and staying low to avoid being observed by security. Should he be observed, he would have an easy explanation citing job responsibilities.

Keep inventory locked up in carrying or display cases at all times, especially at setup and breakdown. If you must leave them unattended, be sure to place locked cases, with a bicycle or chain lock, on top of the backup table, not underneath. I know of numerous situations when coin cases have been removed during setup, during the show, in the evening after the show's closing and during breakdown. A case locked under a table will allow a thief to work unmolested pilfering the contents without being observed by other dealers, collectors or security personnel.

Be sure to introduce yourself to the dealers on each side of you, behind you and across the aisle. Let them all know that, when they are away from their tables, you will try to keep an eye on their cases, and would they do the same for you. Let them know when you are leaving your table and when you expect to return. But remember, dealers are at a show to buy and sell coins, not to "watch your coins". I know of several times that

coin cases have been stolen after a dealer asked a neighbor to "watch my coins". My suggestion is to lock everything at all times and also ask your neighbor and security personnel to "watch my coins."

For dealers and exhibitors, table covers or "body bags" as some call them that can be zipped up around the display cases and locked like a duffel bag are excellent. They are a strong deterrent to honest facility staff and contractors who may be tempted to pilfer a few items if the opportunity presents itself. Most coin cases can be easily opened with most any key. The standard show cases used at most shows only have a few different keyed locks. Most dealers have discovered that the same key will open a number of cases, or a simple screwdriver can turn open the entire lock tumblers mechanism. If you cannot lock up a case in a secure "body bag" cover, then at least use your sheathed bicycle lock to attach it to a leg of a back stock table, placing the case or bag on top of the table. It never ceases to amaze me how so many "professional" dealers will "pass" on a thousand dollar coin over a ten dollar amount, then at the end of the show day, cover hundreds of thousands of dollars in rare coins with an old bed sheet or piece of plastic with a chair on top. Then he walks away thinking all is secure. A table behind a display table, called a "back up table" by most dealers, is an open invitation for thieves from all sides. Dealers who leave coins, money pouches or other valuables unsecured on their back tables will eventually be ripped off. I have had non-numismatic items taken during and after show hours from my backup table. Once I complained to security at a major national coin show that items had been removed from my back table. I explained that I was one of the last dealers to leave the previous evening and one of the first dealers to enter the show the following morning. The response from the principal security agent was, "Go complain to one of your dealer friends, that is who most likely stole your items. And besides, we have over 400 tables to watch, and we cannot be everywhere."

Most insurance policies will not cover "mysterious" or unexplained theft. Some dealers are unaware that if they do not take reasonable precautions expected of a prudent man, their insurance policy may not cover the loss. Is leaving a sheet & a chair on top of an easily opened glass case, with hundreds of thousands of dollars in coin and currency, actions of a prudent man?

Internal: Dealers should keep their coin display cases locked when not showing a coin. Sometimes the pull-up lid handles can be removed so a glass suction cup must be used to open the case lid. This precaution will not prevent a theft by a professional, but it will deter the amateur shoplifter. Be very cautious when helping more than one customer at a time. I can't tell you how many times dealers, myself included, have been "set up" by two or three thieves. One will ask to see something while another quickly pockets something else.

I personally have had coins stolen by palming, switching, dropping on the floor, dropping in open purses or shoulder bags, coin reference books, into laps and in the old coat pockets - once even by an old and respected coin collector and former customer. But the incident that sticks out most in my mind was when a customer asked if I had a high grade 1909-S VDB Lincoln Cent. I then handed the customer what I thought to be a beautiful MS65 Red Brown slabbed example. After a looking at the coin, he informed me that I had handed him a slabbed 1909 P Lincoln cent, not the 1909-S VDB. Sure enough, the previous customer had switched my expensive example for a cheap one in the same holder. To this day, I am not sure if the dealer or the customer had switched and stole my coin.

Currency is a special favorite to drop between pages of books and reference material while thieves are looking at it. Just as they do at the tables in Las Vegas, I would insist that all coins be keep on top of the table, in clear view at all times.

Establish an amount that you consider to be an expensive coin, whether it is \$100, \$500 or \$1,000. Any coins or currency exceeding that amount should be priced on the reverse of the coin flip. You do not need to advertise that you carry very valuable coins to a potential bandit.

If you are looking at a dealer's coin and want to pass on it, be sure to personally give it back to him. Do not simply leave it on top of the case for the dealer to get to when he has a moment. I have had coins stolen that were previous viewed by good customers who simply left the coins on top of the case, assuming I would find them later and replace them in my locked case. Coins left on top of a case can be stolen in an instant, especially if the dealer is distracted. Few full-time dealers have not had inventory stolen this way.

Be cautious of customers more concerned with you and their surroundings than with the coin they have asked to see. Professional shoplifters and pickpockets will almost always operate with one or more accomplices. The stolen coin is immediately passed from the "lifter" to a "carrier." With most professional shoplifter teams, the coin is passed off from the first "carrier" to even a "second carrier." If the lifter has used a "distracter" there will be a three-person team working. If you are quick enough to catch the "lifter," he/she will usually not have the coin on them, when they are caught.

Thieves watch for tables where multiple customers are being helped at once. They feed on the knowledge that most dealers are willing to forfeit security for greed. So when during a flurry of business they politely ask, "May I see that coin, or possibly those two or three coins?" their opportunity to palm one is enhanced. Most dealers hardly even look up from their table to acknowledge the thief before handing the coins over. With any customer who wants to see more than one coin, count out loud the number you are placing on the table, and be sure he or she also counts with you. When the customer is finished looking, count the coins out loud as they are returned.

When a coin is sold, replace it with another coin or a "sold" card as quickly as possible to fill the empty space. You can then learn to train your eye to spot open "holes" in your cases. Recently in a New York show, a long time regular collector and show attendee was caught pocketing a coin. When security personnel had the thief empty his pockets, there were additional coins in his pocket stolen from eleven other dealers. The amazing part is that not one of the eleven had even known anything was missing. All the coins were eventually returned to the rightful owners. It is a sad commentary, but unless the coin is a special one, most dealers will never realize a coin was stolen.

I have been told or strongly suspect that a number of advanced collectors and some dealers are known thieves. I strongly advocate that when a thief is caught, the concerned parties prosecute them to the full extent of the law, regardless of the value of the stolen coins. Far too often I have seen the exposed thief simply be asked to leave the show, only to be seen again at another show in a different city. An interesting note that is supported by most police investigators and polygraphs: when a thief is caught and confesses, the amount of goods or money they confess to stealing is normally about 10% of the amount actually taken.

It still never ceases to amaze me how a very intelligent dealer will not think twice about letting anyone with a dealer badge have complete access to his inventory and allow him to rummage through his case. I know of four well-respected dealers, members of numerous organizations, who have been caught stealing and are still attending coins shows.

When you are walking the floor of a show, use a zippered shoulder bag and keep it on your shoulder to carry your coins. Some shoulder bags now have internal wire in the shoulder straps, to help prevent a "cut and run" purse thief. When you remove it, get into the habit of placing it between your feet. Do not sit at a table, bent over a case, studying a coin with your bag behind you or on a chair next to you. If you are using wheels to roll your coin case around with you, keep it touching you at all times. If a dealer's table is crowded, making security difficult...wait. If you can't keep your coins with you at all times, simply do not take them.

If you're a good customer of a respected dealer, and plan to attend a multi-day show, ask if you can secure your locked bag at his table for the evening. You can also check with the show security as they sometimes offer an overnight secure check-in room for show attendees coins. When offered, armed security personnel always man these.

All coins, checks and extra cash should be locked in your case and in a locked body bag table cover in a secured bourse for the evening. Large amounts of cash should not be taken outside the coin show until you are returning home. Taking large amounts of cash from the show to dinner or to your hotel room is just plain foolish. If the show's facility is secure enough to leave hundreds of thousands of dollars of rare coins in it, then why do some dealers feel insecure about leaving a couple of thousand dollars in cash at the same location? It defies logic.

When possible, use checks with dealers who know you and travelers' checks for those who don't. Most established dealers will also accept Visa, Master Charge or American Express, but you may lose a possible discount on your purchase by using them. Each day make a listing of all checks as you receive them and immediately endorse them "For Deposit Only." Should the checks be lost or stolen prior to deposit, this will make cashing them more difficult for most thieves. The list should be in a separate location from the checks themselves. It is a good idea to routinely use an invoice or receipt and note the buyer's name and method of payment. Towards the end of the show, try to keep your cash on hand to a minimum, using extra cash to pay for purchases. If you are buying a very expensive coin or collection, ask if the dealer can ship them to you if you feel uncomfortable traveling with it. The few extra dollars you pay in shipping is negligible. Moreover, sales tax does not apply in some states if the coins are shipped. At some major shows, the United States Postal Service has a booth to assist dealers and collectors with this security problem

I will only make one observation on accepting checks in payment for a purchase. Nowhere on the planet are out of town checks, from total strangers, so readily accepted by so many naive dealers, than at a coin show. At the 2001 FUN show, with a willing accomplice, a criminal passed thousands of dollars in phony checks, most written in the amount of about \$500, to many of the dealers who had set up. Only weeks after the show was the deed discovered, when the flurry of dealers realized the same individual had stung all of them. Unless you or another dealer you respect and know personally can vouch for the integrity of the buyer, simply offer to ship the coins after his/her check clears your bank.

When you begin to pack at the end of a coin show, avoid any unnecessary conversations. Dealers are most vulnerable during this time and any well-meaning question or conversation could be an invitation to an observant thief and a potential loss for the dealer. For a professional dealer, this is not a good time for lots of warm thank-yous and departing goodbyes. I have personally lost coins when a well-meaning customer or dealer talked with me while I was packing to depart a coin show.

In summary, security is your own personal responsibility. Put your trust in yourself and your own mode of operation or *Operational Security*. If you think that coin show

security personnel would get into a gun battle and risk their lives to protect you or your coins, you might just well think that all people will always agree to every coin's grade or value. A shows planned security is only a supplement, not a solution to your own security and safety at a show.

One final note, I am often asked which coin shows that have the best security? I have set up at an average of 40 shows a year since 1994. During that time, I have seen "the good, the bad and the ugly" in show security. Numerous shows have excellent security; however, I would rate the following as the "Butternut TEN; The Best of the Best in Coin Show Security for the year 2001".

1. South Carolina Numismatic Association, Greenville, SC. Security is provided by off-duty uniformed South Carolina State Troopers. Security is excellent in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown with specialized weapons and equipment readily available at closing. Additional physical security measures are taken in the evenings. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. The troopers are vigilant keeping an eye on attendees, dealers and their inventory during the entire show.
2. Cleveland Coin Expo, Strongsville, OH. Security is provided by off-duty uniformed Strongsville Police. Security is provided in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown with specialized weapons and equipment readily available. Additional physical security measures on all entrances are taken in the evenings.
3. Long Beach Coin Expo, Long Beach, CA. Security is provided by off-duty Long Beach Police with identifiable "Security" jackets. Ample security is provided in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown with numerous plain-clothes officers continually working the floor from the moment the show opens until it closes. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.
4. Texas Numismatic Association, Ft. Worth, TX. Off-duty plain-clothes Euless Police provide security. Ample security is provided in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown with plain-clothes officers continually working the floor from the moment the show opens until it closes. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. In addition, the security supervisor is a nationally recognized expert in numismatic thefts. The show normally is held at the same location in conjunction with a very large gun show, which would make it really difficult for a potential bandit to be successful.
5. American Numismatic Association, Mid-winter 2001 Convention, Salt Lake City, UT. Security was provided by off-duty uniformed Salt Lake City Police and supplemented by a private security contractor. Security was provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Registration and nametags were required for all attendees. A Salt Lake City police officer was named to the convention committee and coordinated the event with the city's police force, so all were made aware of how valuable the items were at the convention. Salt Lake City Police were visible everywhere. In addition, Utah has a concealed weapon carry law, which allows lawful citizens to be armed nearly everywhere, a right that is practiced by most. This security stands out as the best of any ANA show that I have attended.
6. Alabama State Convention, Bessemer, AL. Security is provided by off-duty uniformed Bessemer Police. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. Security personnel are extra diligent with continual monitoring of the bourse, and they do not congregate in a group at the front door or the coffee and donut stand.
7. Trevose Coin Show, Trevose, PA. Even though it is only a thirty-table, one day show, they still use two off-duty plain-clothes Philadelphia police officers to

provide security. Ample security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown with both plain-clothes officers continually working the floor.

8. Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA. Security is provided by off duty uniformed Whitfield County Sheriffs. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

9. WESPEX, White Plains, NY. Plain-clothes off-duty NYPD officers, supplemented by uniformed Westchester County Police in the evenings, provide security. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

10. Crab State Coin Show, Lanham, MD. Security is provided by a private security contractor and supplemented by off-duty uniformed Prince George's County police. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

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## TWENTY-CENT PIECES

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A Twenty-cent piece was certainly not a new idea. First proposed by Thomas Jefferson in 1783 to be part of our decimal system of coinage, the idea was abandoned during deliberations for the Mint Act of 1792 in favor of the quarter dollar, which more closely approximated the "two-bits" of the Spanish Eight Reales then in widespread use. Proposed again in 1806, the denomination faced little opposition itself, but the legislation was defeated for reasons having to do with other parts of the bill. Finally, in February 1874, Nevada Senator John Percival Jones, having somewhat dubious motives, introduced a bill to make the denomination a reality. The Senator claimed to believe that this coin, one that the Carson City Mint could produce, would solve the problem of the shortage of small change, particularly in the West. The Mint Act of 1873 had abolished the silver trime, half dime and dollar, but without giving the San Francisco or Carson City Mints authority to produce minor coins. With the half dime rapidly disappearing from circulation, it was becoming increasingly difficult to get the correct change for a quarter. In 1874, hundreds of common items were priced at 10 cents, and those paying with a quarter would often be shortchanged by receiving a dime or Spanish bit worth 12-1/2 cents. Obviously, producing cents and nickels at the western mints would have been the best solution, but for some reason this option was ignored. Apparently, with Senator Jones' influence, consideration was given to the owners of the Comstock Lode silver mines, who had lost much of the demand for their output because of the 1873 Mint Act. Possibly for similar reasons, Mint Director Henry Linderman supported the bill, and Congress went along. Unquestionably a political answer to the problem, the bill was signed into law by President Grant on March 3, 1875.

Linderman, a collector of patterns himself, ordered Philadelphia Mint Superintendent James Pollock to obtain designs and submit patterns for approval. The first designs resembled the quarter too closely, so several other versions were submitted. Treasury Department policy, however, favored complete uniformity of design within a series of coins of the same metal, so the final design approved by Linderman ended up being the most similar to the quarter and therefore most confusing to the public.

The obverse of the new coin bore Chief Engraver William Barber's low relief copy of the old Sully-Gobrecht-Hughes design, featuring Liberty seated on a rock, holding a pole topped with a Liberty cap. She is surrounded by



thirteen stars, with the date below. The reverse bears Barber's eagle from the Trade dollar, with the inscriptions UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and TWENTY CENTS around the periphery. The coin was made with a plain edge, supposedly to make it easier for the illiterate to distinguish it from the quarter.

As it turned out, confusion with the quarter was widespread. The public's enormous dislike for the new coin signaled an early end to the denomination. Mintage commenced in 1875, but by the following year a bill was introduced repealing authorization, although it wasn't passed until May, 1878. In the four year period, only 8 different date and mint combinations were made. The bulk of the mintage came from San Francisco (S), which minted 1,155,000 coins in 1875, the only year it produced the denomination. Carson City (CC) struck 133,290 pieces in 1875 and 10,000 in 1876. Philadelphia (no mintmark) minted the fewest coins, with 39,700 in 1875 and 15,900 in 1876. The mintmark can be found on the reverse below the eagle. Although business strikes were made just in 1875 and 1876, proofs saw production for two additional years, and a total of 5,000 were made before the coin's demise in 1878.

Due to its brief life, only one variety was issued. Except for smaller stars, its obverse was almost identical in appearance to the Seated Liberty design on the other silver coins. Similarly, wear shows first on the head, breast and knee of Liberty. In addition, LIBERTY is in raised relief on this design, like the 1836 Gobrecht Dollar and unlike the recessed or incuse LIBERTY on the other Seated coins. On circulated pieces, LIBERTY will begin to wear along with the other devices mentioned. On the reverse, the initial wear points are the eagle's breast and the top of its wings. Due to problems with striking pressure, 1875-CC is often found with an incomplete eagle's wing, even on uncirculated specimens.

While the denomination was short lived, it contains one of the most famous rarities in United States coins, the 1876-CC. Usually appearing only when celebrated collections are sold, this date is truly one of the icons of American numismatics. Mint records show that when the order came down to melt all the twenty-cent pieces for recoinage into other denominations, 12,359 pieces were on hand in Carson City, the bulk of which were the 10,000 1876 coins minted. Obviously, most were destroyed, as probably no more than 18 examples of this date exist today, and the majority of those are uncirculated. Counterfeits, other than the most rudimentary fakes, are rarely encountered, as all genuine 1876-CCs will show doubling on LIBERTY, and this effectively precludes adding a mintmark or muling a reverse to an 1876 Philadelphia piece.

Another rarity, though not quite as well known, is the 1875-S branch mint proof. Confirmed to exist by B. Max Mehl in the 1930s, only about a half dozen are known today. It was apparently struck as a presentation piece signifying the first coins of the denomination to be coined in San Francisco. Of the other dates in the series, most are readily available, even in mint state, with 1875-S most often encountered. The four Philadelphia proofs although

varying widely in mintage from 2,790 for 1875 to 350 for 1877 are seen with equal frequency. True Gems are becoming more elusive, however, as condition conscious type collectors have absorbed much of the supply. Much more popular today with collectors than it was with the public when first issued, the series can be assembled (except for 1876-CC) for a relatively modest investment of money and time.

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

Diameter: 22 millimeters

Weight: 5 grams

Composition: .900 silver, .100 copper

Edge: Plain

Net Weight: .1447 oz. pure silver

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## ILLINOIS

The Illinois quarter is the first quarter of 2003, and the 21st in the 50 State Quarters® Program. The Illinois quarter design depicts a young Abraham Lincoln within the outline of the state. A farm scene and the Chicago skyline appear on the left and to the right of the state's outline. Twenty-one stars border the coin, signifying Illinois as the 21st state to be admitted into the Union on December 3, 1818.



"The Prairie State," also commonly known as the "Land of Lincoln," pays tribute to our nation's 16th president. The young Lincoln lived and practiced law in Springfield before becoming one of our nation's greatest leaders. President Lincoln's historic home, burial site and new presidential library are all located in the Springfield area.

In January 2001, Governor George Ryan announced the Governor's Classroom Contest to solicit ideas from school children and begin an open period for public input on the state's quarter design. The state received more than 6,000 submissions, approximately 5,700 of which were from school children. Governor Ryan named a 14-member committee to review the submissions and to suggest three to five concepts to be forwarded to the United States Mint. The state chose three concepts: Illinois history, agriculture and industry, and state symbols. The United States Mint returned five designs based on the concepts for final selection by the Governor. The final design, "Land of Lincoln-21st State/Century," represents the history and future of Illinois.

The quarter was officially released in ceremonies on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the James R. Thompson Center's Assembly Hall in Chicago. They were attended by the U.S. Mint director, Henrietta Fore, Illinois governor George Ryan and the Chicago native and designer, Thom Cicchelli.

**COMING NEXT MONTH:  
ALABAMA**

## **NUMISMATICS on the “WEB”**

Many sites of interest to readers of the TNA News are available on the Internet. I will publish. If you have a favorite site, please let me know the address. All sites will be added at the sole discretion of the editor.

Texas Numismatic Association	<a href="http://www.tna.org">www.tna.org</a>
American Numismatic Association	<a href="http://www.money.org">www.money.org</a>
American Numismatic Society	<a href="http://www.amnumsoc2.org">www.amnumsoc2.org</a>
Society of Paper Money Collectors	<a href="http://www.spmc.org">www.spmc.org</a>
Canadian Coin Reference Site	<a href="http://www.torex.net">www.torex.net</a>
Numismatics International	<a href="http://www.numis.org">www.numis.org</a>
United States Mint	<a href="http://www.usmint.gov">www.usmint.gov</a>
Bureau of Engraving and Printing	<a href="http://www.bep.treas.gov">www.bep.treas.gov</a>
Krause Publications	<a href="http://www.krause.com">www.krause.com</a>
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Civil War Token Society	<a href="http://home.att.net/~cwts.cwts.htm">http://home.att.net/~cwts.cwts.htm</a>
Early American Coppers	<a href="http://www.eacs.org/">www.eacs.org/</a>
Token and Medal Society	<a href="http://www.angelfire.com/id/TAMS">www.angelfire.com/id/TAMS</a>
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To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items; to serve its members collectively, not individually.

## **ADVANTAGES:**

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## **OFFICIAL PUBLICATION:**

Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features. Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News. Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum. The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

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Collecting Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant for individual membership \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Proposer \_\_\_\_\_ TNA # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Voucher \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>February 1</b>	<b>Sherman, TX</b>	<b>32 tables</b>
Texoma Coin show.	Holiday Inn, 3605 Hwy 75S, Exit 56 (FM 1417). A:Free, Tables \$55/\$65. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566 or Tony Hales, Box 832032, Richardson, TX 75080; (972) 690-4340	
<b>February 1-2</b>	<b>Ft. Worth, TX</b>	<b>65 tables</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Coin Show.	Green Oaks Inn. 6901 West Freeway, I-30 Free Admission. Sat—9A-6P. Sun—9A-4P. tables--\$200. Contact: Joe & Linda Wade; 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth, TX 76180. Ph (817)485-1777.	
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Pharr, TX</b>	<b>50 Tables</b>
15th Annual Coin & Collectible Show, sponsored by the Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley.	Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly. Free Admission and Door Prizes. Contact: Don Higgins, Bourse Chairman, P.O. Box 720785, McAllen, TX 78504. (956) 688-6922.	
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Tyler Texas</b>	<b>35 Tables</b>
Sheraton Hotel, 5701 South Broadway (Highway 69) Tyler, Texas. Hotel phone: (903) 561-5800. Public Hours: 10am - 5pm. Dealer setup: 7am-10am. 8 Foot tables \$80- for 1, \$65 each additional. Contact Phil Johns, 14429 High Meadows Drive Tyler, Texas 75703 Telephone: 903-534-0044 (evenings)		
<b>February 21-23</b>	<b>El Paso, Texas</b>	
International Coin Club Of El Paso 40th Annual Coin Vista Del Sol Conference Ctr. 11189 Rojas Dr. Free Admission Contact Don Tomko, Phone 915-755-7063 FAX 915-755-7163.		
<b>February 22</b>	<b>San Antonio, Texas</b>	<b>35 Tables</b>
San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday—9A-5P. Live Oak Civic Center. 8101 Pat Booker Road, Live Oak, TX. NE of San Antonio at IH35N & Loop 1604. Free Admission and door prizes. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. Contact: Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964. Email—retate@msn.com.		
<b>March 15-16</b>	<b>Waco, Texas</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Waco Coin & Stamp show.	Hugh A. Smith, Bourse Chairman. Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX. Contact Waco Coin Club, Inc, Box 1321, Hewitt, TX 76643-1321. (254)752-6077.	

<b>March 22-23</b>	<b>Lubbock, TX</b>	<b>100 tables</b>
South Plains Coin Club, Inc.'s 43 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Coin and Sports Card show. A:free. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501—6 <sup>th</sup> St. Contact: Sharron Rice. Phone 806 792 0428 or the South Plains Coin Club, Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493.		
<b>March 28-30</b>	<b>Grapevine, TX</b>	<b>70 Tables</b>
Texas Coin Show at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Friday 2pm-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security and \$2 admission. GOLD PRIZES! Contact Ginger and David Pike, Box 261748, Plano, TX 75026-1748. Phone & Fax: (972) 964-5520. Email---TexasCoinShows@aol.com.		
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>	<b>30 Tables</b>
Central Texas Coin and Sports Collectable Show. American Inn, 7300 North IH-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Francis Smith (1-800-691-2851) Email at <a href="mailto:fpsmith@sbcglobal.net">fpsmith@sbcglobal.net</a>		
<b>April 5</b>	<b>McKinney, TX</b>	<b>38 tables</b>
Semi-Annual Coin Show Sponsored by Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N, Exit 40B). A:Free, Tables \$50/\$60. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566.		
<b>April 12-13</b>	<b>Wichita Falls, TX</b>	<b>50-60 tables</b>
37th Annual Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Show at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC), 1000 5th Street, Wichita Falls TX. Saturday, April 12, 9 A.M. - 6 P.M., Sunday, April 13, 9 A.M. - 3 P. M.  Friday April 11th afternoon is dealer setup. Free admission, free parking, 24 hour security. Contact Bourse Chairman Gene Wheeler, PO Box 747, Seymour TX 76380 or call (940) 888-3832.		
<b>May 9, 10, 11</b>	<b>Fort Worth, Texas</b>	<b>195 Tables</b>
45th Annual Texas State 2003 TNA Convention and Show. Will Rogers Memorial Center, Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, Central Texas Room. 3401 W. Lancaster Ave, Ft Worth, TX. Free Parking, police security, \$3 admission. There will be dealers from all over the country along with a grading service and supplies. A children's auction will be held on Saturday. Contact: Mike Grant, PO Box 171719, Arlington, TX 76003-1719, call 817-496-2388, Fax: 817-496-2390, Email: mpg4tna@worldnet.att.net		
<b>May 17-18</b>	<b>Orange, Texas</b>	
Greater Orange Coin Club Spring Show. Ramada Inn, 2610 West I-10, Orange, TX. Contact bourse chairman-(409)883-6388.		

<b>May 24</b>	<b>San Antonio, Texas</b>	<b>35 Tables</b>
San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday—9A-5P. Live Oak Civic Center. 8101 Pat Booker Road, Live Oak, TX. NE of San Antonio at IH35N & Loop 1604. Free Admission and door prizes. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. Contact: Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964. Email— <a href="mailto:retate@msn.com">retate@msn.com</a> .		
<b>June 13-15</b>	<b>Grapevine, TX</b>	<b>70 Tables</b>
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<b>June 21</b>	<b>Greenville, TX</b>	<b>42 tables</b>
Annual Coin Show Sponsored by Hunt County Coin Club. Central Assembly of God Church. 1501 S. Ramsey Blvd (I-30 & Hwy 69). A:Free, Tables \$50. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566 or Dennis Menn, Box 610 Caddo Mills, TX 75135; (903) 527-5371		
<b>June 28-29</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>	<b>30 Tables</b>
Capital City Coin Club 31st Annual Coin Show. American Inn, 7300 North IH-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Bryan Jones (1-512-339-2923)		
<b>July 26-27</b>	<b>Bossier City, LA</b>	<b>100 Tables</b>
40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ark-La-Tex Coin, Stamp and Card Expo. 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Sponsored by the Shreveport Coin Club. Public hours, Sat. 9-6, Sun 9-3. Free parking and admission. Hourly door prizes. Contact—Richie Self—(318)868-9077.		
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Sherman, TX</b>	<b>32 tables</b>
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<b>August 16-17</b>	<b>Amarillo, TX</b>	
Golden Spread Coin Club will sponsor its annual Coin & Collector show on, 2003 at the Amarillo Civic Center. Free Admission. Hourly door prizes. Show hours Saturday 9 am - 6 pm. Sunday 9 am - 5 pm. For table information contact Ted Winton 806. 352.8281 <a href="mailto:talk@1s.net">talk@1s.net</a> .		

<b>August 22-24</b>	<b>Richardson, Texas</b>	<b>86 tables</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Plano Coin Show. Sponsored by the Lone Star Mint.		
Richardson Civic Center. 411 Arapaho Rd, Richardson, Tx. Free Admission.		
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(972) 424-1405. Email— <a href="mailto:planoshow@lsmint.com">planoshow@lsmint.com</a> .		
<b>August 23</b>	<b>San Antonio, Texas</b>	<b>57+ tables</b>
Summer Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Live Oak		
Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off I-35 north. Open		
9:30AM-5:30 PM, with seminars at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Children's		
Auction at 2:30 PM. Free admission, parking, hourly door prizes. Tables \$95.		
Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714.		
(210)341-6587. E-mail: <a href="mailto:eiserlohsat@juno.com">eiserlohsat@juno.com</a> .		
<b>September 20-21</b>	<b>Beaumont, Texas</b>	
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Fall Show. Jointly sponsored by the		
Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur and Silsbee Coin Clubs. Beaumont Civic		
Center (corner of Main & Forsythe). Contact Dale Richey, Bourse Chairman		
(409) 246-2432.		
<b>October 4</b>	<b>McKinney, TX</b>	<b>38 tables</b>
Semi-Annual Coin Show Sponsored by Collin County Coin Club. Holiday		
Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N, Exit 40B). A:Free, Tables \$50/\$60.		
Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566.		
<b>October 10-12</b>	<b>Grapevine, TX</b>	<b>70 Tables</b>
Texas Coin Show "Christmas Show" at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main		
St, Grapevine, TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit		
Main, right on Vine). Friday 2pm-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-		
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<b>October 19</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>	<b>30 Tables</b>
Central Texas Coin and Sports Collectable Show. American Inn, 7300 North		
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Email at <a href="mailto:fpsmith@sbcglobal.net">fpsmith@sbcglobal.net</a>		
<b>November 22</b>	<b>San Antonio, Texas</b>	<b>57+ tables</b>
Fall Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Live Oak Civic		
Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off I-35 north. Open		
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# Texas HAPPENINGS

## DISTRICT I

### Mid-Cities Coin Club (Internet report)

The November 5, 2002, meeting of the Mid-Cites Coin Club was called to order with 26 members present. Merle Owens and Jim Waite were thanked for their generosity in bringing both third and fourth quarter refreshments. Final plans were discussed for the club's annual Christmas party scheduled for December 3. The following were elected to serve as 2003 club officers: Jim Fitzgerald, President; Mike Ross, Vice President; Jeff Cecil, Treasurer; John Post, Secretary; Mike Grant, Auction and Raffle Chairman. Congratulations and a very big "Thank You" were extended to the new officers. Show Chairman Jim Fitzgerald reported that he is still organizing initial plans for the 2003 Coin Show and hopes to have the first committee meeting within the next few weeks. Bob Millard had made arrangements for the club to view the ANA's educational presentation, *Vomit--and Find a Fortune!* The film did a very nice job of entertaining as it educated us on the skill of Cherrypicking. Door and raffle prizes were given away and the meeting adjourned following the monthly auction.

A total of 49 members and guests gathered on December 3, 2002, for the Mid-Cities Coin Club's annual Christmas party. It was an informal evening with the food served buffet style. Club members brought a huge variety of side dishes, salads, snacks, and lots of homemade desserts. As always, Bailey's Barbeque and Mike Grant did an excellent job preparing the turkey, brisket, and ham. The festivities only paused long enough for a very brief business meeting. Certificates of Appreciation were then awarded to the 2002 Officers and to members who presented educational programs during the year. Outgoing President Debbie Williams was presented with a very impressive "Past President Medal" as a token of appreciation for her leadership to the club. Lots of fun and excitement followed as everyone tried to win at Bingo. Mike Grant and Bob Millard awarded numerous bingo and door prizes. Once again, the combined efforts of the club's membership and their guests made the annual Christmas Party a very special event.

**Debbie Williams, President**

## DISTRICT IV

### Capital City Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Capital City Coin Club held its annual Christmas Dinner at Hill's Cafe in Austin on Thursday December 12, 2002. There were 29 members and guests present. A moment of silence was held for all those in need throughout the world. Dinner choices were steak, barbecue or fish with drink, salad and

dessert. The club made its annual \$100.00 donation to the Travis County Sheriffs Department for there Brown Santa program for the benefit of needy children at Christmas. The tradional Mexican two and one-half peso gold coin was presented to the 2002 officers; Francis Smith-President, Robert Camp-Vice president, Sylvia Chase-Meadows-Secretary/Treasurer, Bryan Jones-Bourse Chairman and congratulations on a job well done. The current slate of officers were re-elected for 2003. Door prizes (Christmas gifts) were purchased from McBrides Coins in Austin. The door prize drawings with maxims were provided by Sylvia and LeLand Chase-Meadows. The club plans to hold its 31st annual coin show on June 28-29, 2003 at the American Inn, formally the Chariot Inn in Austin. Happy New Year to all.

**Submitted by: Francis Smith, Club President**

## DISTRICT V

### Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Mike Grant presided at the October meeting with 15 members and one guest, Richard Laird, present. Treasurer Larry Herrera reported limited activity for the prior month and announced that our profit from the 2002 show was \$1,658.96. The Secretary's report was not called for and therefore not given. Vice President Stewart Huckabee advised that prizes had been obtained for our Christmas party and that also he is now employed with Heritage Coins. Mike advised our Coin Show committee has a mailing list of 5,000+ names. He announced upcoming coin shows for November in Oklahoma City, Ft. Worth, and Grapevine. The Grapevine Show is November 22, 23, and 24. The Christmas party will be on the third Thursday in December, the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at our regular meeting place. Mike reminded that all attendees, including guests, need to bring a White Elephant item with a minimum value of \$5.00. This does not have to be a numismatic item. Officer elections for 2003 will be at the November meeting. Candidates for office include Larry Herrera for President, Stewart Huckabee for Vice President, Hal Cherry for Secretary with no announced candidate for Treasurer at this time. David Kyser brought up the issue of junior membership and there was a discussion on this including the possibility of starting a junior club. David will be furnished club flyers to distribute at the various venues where he sets up a table. With regard to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next May, there was a discussion about having a celebrity speaker and possibly asking David Lisot to video tape it and possibly part of our meeting. Hal Cherry reported on the various options for a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary memento and recommended we have some of our existing club medals appropriately counter-stamped at an approximate cost of \$300.00. General discussion was in agreement with doing this.

Mike announced he is now in business as Arlington Coins, Inc. at 2229-B West Park Row, Arlington, Tx., metro number 817/261-9509. Mike also congratulated Hal Cherry on his recent retirement . The speaker was Richard Laird of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Ft. Worth. His talk included

the discussion process, types of printing presses, upcoming colored backgrounds, and different paper types used for different notes. Nine billion notes are printed at both of the BEP plants each year. Dick showed examples of notes during the different stages of printing. The Ft. Worth plant should be opened for tours in 2004. A folder was handed out to all attendees including much information about the BEP, paper money, printing, and even a small packet of shredded currency. Raffle items were won by Mike Grant, Gary Dobbins (twice), and Mark Gee (twice). Door prizes were won by Mark Gee, Charlie Mead and Hal Cherry. Charlie Mead called the auction and 17 items were sold for a total of \$101.75.

The November meeting was called to order by President Mike Grant. There were 20 members and no guests present. The first order of business was the election of officers for 2003 as follows: Larry Herrera, President; Stewart Huckaby, Vice President; Hal Cherry, Secretary; and David Swann, Treasurer. Mike Grant, as past President, will complete the Board. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner was discussed and the members voted to have it at Dovie's Restaurant. A straw poll will be taken on members' preference for having it Thursday, May 15 or Saturday, May 17. Mike reminded everyone to bring an item worth at least \$5.00 for the **WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION** at the Christmas party. The Club will pay for dinner for each member and one guest. We will play Bingo and there will be door prizes and a raffle. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of changing our meeting place. Stewart Huckaby will look into some alternatives. Mike announced that our 2003 Coin Show will change locations to the Sheraton Hotel near the airport. The dates are April 18 and 19, 2003. Marvin Meneker gave a brief report of his visit to the ANA Museum in Colorado Springs. Mike reminded everyone that we would probably have the drawing for the Educational Trip to the ANA Seminar at the February meeting. The Club voted to donate \$100.00 to the Clement Coin Club to use to send young coin collectors to the FUN Show in Florida in January. David Swann was going to give the program on Patriotic Civil War tokens, however, this was postponed due to the noise and inconvenience of our meeting area. For Show and Tell, Glenn Woods showed an ancient coin auction catalog for an upcoming auction in Europe; Hal Cherry had booklets on ancient coins and colonial coins given away free by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; Stewart Huckaby had an ancient coin; and David Kyser a Maria Teresa Thaler on a silver string. (It was Ancient Night at Show and Tell.) Door prizes were won by Judy Dobbins, Hal Cherry, Marvin Meneker and Mark Gee. Raffle winners were Mike Grant, Stewart Huckaby (twice), Gary Dobbins, Kathy Lawrence, and Glenn Woods.

Mike Grant called the meeting to order with 27 members and 12 guests present. Installed as new officers for 2003 were Larry Herrera, President; Stewart Huckaby, Vice President; Hal Cherry, Secretary; David Swann, Treasurer; and Mike Grant, Past President. They were sworn in by Judge Terry Landwehr, Mother of Junior Members, Callie and Chad Landwehr. The Club voted to nominate Hal Cherry for the office of

Governor of District 5 on the Texas Numismatic Board. After a delicious Mexican food dinner, we had our traditional white elephant auction with 35 items being sold for a total of \$274.00. A lively Bingo game concluded the evening with 25 prizes being awarded. Door prizes were won by Howard Peterson, John Post, Susan Peterson, Chad Landwehr, Charlie Meade, Peggy Cherry, Mike Cordell, Terry Landwehr, Mike Grant, Harold Clevenger, Stewart Huckabee, Mark Gee, Mary Herrera, Gary Dobbins, Melanie Gee and Jim Jeska.

**Submitted by Hal Cherry, Secretary**

## **DISTRICT VI**

### **Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)**

The November 4 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club began with Tim Conway stating that Carl Schwenker wanted the club to endorse Pat Finner as a nomination for American Numismatic Association's president during the next elections. The club voted, yes to endorse her. Tim Conway announced the Jim Bevill has agreed to have the Christmas party at his house. Jim Bevill was not present at the meeting, had another engagement, Bruce Springsteen concert. The club will make final details at the next meeting. Tom Bermel quoted the final balance of the August-Coin Show; the amount is approximately \$2000. Ralph Ross stated that the Clements Coin Club needs a cash donation for a trip to the "FUN" show in January. The club voted, yes to donate \$300 to the Clements Coin Club. Tim Conway noted that with the profits from the August-Coin Show, the club might vote to donate a little more cash to Clements Coin Club. Bob Bing noted that funds are needed to send a member to the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. The club voted, yes to donate an undetermined amount. Tim Conway noted that November 9-10; the Fort Worth Coin Club will have their annual coin show. The program for tonight was about "Porcelain Coins," presented by Sebastian Frommhold.

The November 18 meeting began with Ron Sjoberg inquiring if the club was going to have the December 16 meeting. The club will discuss this at the next meeting. The club will decide if to have the December 16 meeting, or not. Knowing only a small amount of members will actually be at the library. Jim Bevill, Tim Conway and the club members confirmed that the holiday party will be at Jim & Jodie Bevill's house. Details are on the top of this page. Ed Stephens confirmed that the National Coin Week Show will be April 26-27, 2003. Jim Bevill, Tom Cooper, and Ed Stephens discussed an flyer presented by Tom Cooper, on golf shirts. The shirt will have the Bellaire Coin Club logo on the front. The sale is limited time only. The club will discuss this offer at the December 2 meeting. What color shirt? What color logo? The program for tonight was about "United State Type Quarters (1796-1998), Before Statehood Quarters" presented by Jim Bevill.

The December 2 meeting was called to order. Jim Bevill stated the difference between casual and dressed casual modeled by Michael Wolford

and Tom Bermel. Jim Bevill, Tim Conway and club members discussed that the updated shirt deal was over. The club will check for another shirt deal, Jim already has contacted the person that helped create the last set of shirts. The club needs to confirm color for the shirt and what color for the logo? Currently it is a white shirt with a gray logo. Dennis Beasley noted Ed Dobson's wife had died. Carl Schwenker presented an update of the Greater Houston Coin Show's Money Show of the Southwest. Carl stated that the show must have more volunteers, because of the size of the Greenspoint Mall Expo Center. The show is January 24-26, 2003. Located at 12400 North Freeway, near the intersection of Interstate 45 #61 and North Sam Houston. Carl asked for more donations to the young numismatic auction. There will be a real auction presented by Scotsman Auctions with a catalog. Jim Bevill noted that Ninfa's catering will be provided at the party. The Holiday Dinner was December 7, 2002. Located at 2915 Carnegie, near the intersection of Buffalo Speedway and Bellaire. Tim Conway and the club voted to cancel the December 16 meeting. Tim Conway also noted that recently his computer has a computer virus. Tim noted the website norton.com to fix this virus and to check for any other viruses you may get.

## **Greater Houston Coin Club**

The November 21, 2002, meeting of the GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB was called to order at 7:30 PM by the President. There were 36 members present. After a welcome to the attendees by the President, the minutes of the October meeting, as printed in the DOUBLE SHIFT were approved with no corrections or additions. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted to file for audit. A short report on progress of the January MONEY SHOW OF THE SOUTHWEST was given by Carl Schwenker. Main business for this meeting was the approval of the proposed bylaws and standing rules to bring them into line with our application for a 501C3 non-profit status for the Club. After some explanations by the President, a motion to approve and a second were received and the motion passed unanimously.. The final vote will be taken at the December meeting, and the application for the non-profit status has begun. David Gmoser, as president of the Clements Coin Club (C3) announced the club will be hosting a one-day coin show at the school in February. He gave details and will have bourse applications for all who desire to take tables. Ralph Ross reported he had made a presentation to 163 third grade students at his daughter's school this week. Carl Schwenker moved that the club nominate GHCC member Patricia Finner to the office of ANA President in the future election. The motion passed unanimously. The vice-president introduced Sebastian Frommhold, who presented a program on German Porcelain coins, with a case of examples for members' examination.

After a short recess, the auction, 105 lots, was called by Alvin Stem. Runners were Paige Stafford and Leon Stem and Bill Watson, new applicant for membership in the club, won the successful bidders' prize.

The meeting wound up later than had been planned, but members helped straighten up the room and stack furniture.

## DISTRICT VII

### Alamo Coin Club, (*"Alamo Coin Clips"*-- Club Newsletter)

The November 14th meeting began with 49 attending including 2 visitors and one new member. Welcome to Dennis S. The roundtable had the following shown: Willard R. started with a 1772 Zeeland, Netherlands, crown. Obverse: crowned coat-of-arms; Reverse: Knight with shield. Davenport #01848, Krause doesn't have it. Robert J. had 4 tokens from the Cathedral Metal Art Co. James L. had a 1776 One Shilling note from the Colony of New Jersey. Walter S. had a 1965 Texas Cavaliers token. William B. had a goldtone Masonry centennial medal from Grandbury (Texas) Lodge #392 A.F. & A.M.. 1874-1974. Jo McC. had a card holding a Lincoln cent and the list of coincidences between Abraham Lincoln and John Kennedy. David A. had 2 medals from Germany with red, white & blue ribbons: "Wanderung Neubrücke 1979" with a large metal Alamo on the ribbon; the other "5-international Volkswander VFB Bruchsal 1979" and another medal on the same ribbon: "Olympic Games London 1908". Dick M. had a U.S. Mint medal for George Schults, creator of the Peanuts, Charlie Brown and Lucy comic strip. Pye C. had an Equatorial Guinea 100 Pesetas Guineannas. The reverse showed a sculpted version of Goya's Naked Maja painting. There were other items shown, without Roundtable slips to identify whose they were. Jo McG. won the Roundtable. The treasurer's report and show report was given. The December 12th meeting of the Alamo coin Club began with twenty nine members and guests enjoying the fellowship and dinner before the meeting, which then began with a brief Roundtable: Willard R. had a replica set of Spanish Puerto Rican coins (5, 10, 20, 40 centavos & 1 Peso) from 1895-96, just before the United States took over in 1898. Columbus had taken the rich port for Spain on October 19, 1493. In 1952 the U.S. Congress elevated the possession to a free Commonwealth. A real set in Fine would now cost about \$350. Larry C. bad a 76 BC "widow's mite", which Jesus spoke of in Mark 12:42. David A. had a large Imperial Russia copper coin of 1771 with monogram and eagle devices. Harold E. bad two medals: a German Christmas medal showing the Holy family at the manger, with angels above; the other was a medal replica of Michelangelo's painting "Doni Tondo", showing the Holy family in a round frame. Don K. had four wooden nickels associated with coin collecting: a coin dealer in Elko NV; 1959 Farmington JO Coin Club show; 1983 Hanover PA Numismatic Society show; and 1994 Lenexa Coin, Stamp & Card Show. James L. had an 1831 medal showing the crowned King William. Don K. was winner of the Round-table.

### Gateway Coin Club

The Sept. 4 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club was attended by 26 members and two visitors. Caroline Stethem has been added as a new member. Welcome, Caroline! The attendance prize, a 1981 Mexican 10 Pesos double die, was given to Stan McManigal. The slate of officers for 2002-03 was announced by the nominating committee. The committee members, Marianne Hunter and Tom Bailey, recommended that the current officers serve another term. Bobby Rogers made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Stan McManigal. A special thanks to Marianne Hunter who served as the chairman of the nominating committee and to Tom Bailey who assisted her. The installation of officers will be held at our 40th anniversary banquet. The roundtable session was led by Karla Galindo. She brought an Austin bus token and a wooden nickel from the Bob Bullock Museum. Bobby Rogers showed his new Japan Korea World Cup set of three coins with an unusual design. Tom Bailey had a Franklin Mint set of U.S. Presidential medals. Frank Galindo brought a Gary Cooper medal and a dinosaur token from Walls Drug store. Clifton Valley showed a Byzantine trachy that may have been produced during the Latin occupation. Stan McManigal had a Turks and Caicos 1974 twenty Crowns struck by the Royal Canadian Mint. Jerry Varnon brought a Roman Empire silver denarius from the reign of Hadrian. Don Knapp added some historical notes related to the Hadrian coin. David Astwood showed a Buffalo nickel and arrowhead gift he acquired during his recent visit to the Great Basin. He also brought a few other souvenirs. The meeting concluded with an exciting auction conducted by Bobby Rogers.

Twenty-six members and seven guests attended our **40th** Anniversary Banquet and Installation of Officers Club Officers Ceremony for 2002-03 on Sept 19. The annual gala was held at the Jade Dragon Restaurant. Members enjoyed a fine selection of Chinese cuisine. The food was so tasty that some members enjoyed second and third servings. This was followed by a delicious cake with decorative writing announcing our club's 40th anniversary! The attendance prize, a 1960 Mexican ten pesos Juarez/Hidalgo coin, was given to Walter Scott. There were several roundtable participants. Py Coryell brought an 1878 Mexican fifty centavos coin. Robert Lacewell had a 2002 New Years medal from Israel. Clifton Valley showed two ancient oddities. David Astwood had a silver war nickel and some Nevada coppers. The banquet was followed by the presentation of awards conducted by President Frank Galindo, who was assisted by Don Hunter, due to the absence of Vice-president Larry Foster. Members received Gateway Coin Club Certificates of Appreciation and ANA educational awards for service to the club. Individuals recognized for their educational programs and presented **ANA Educational Awards** were, Marianne Hunter, Karla Galindo, Clifton Valley, Frank Galindo, Bobby Rogers, and Don Bailey, who was unable to attend. In addition, each member received a Gateway Coin Club Certificate of **Appreciation**.

**Club Certificates of Appreciation** were also presented to members who made donations to our club auction during the last twelve months. They were Larry Foster, Don Bailey, David Astwood.

The October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was opened with 26 members and 1 visitor present. The attendance prize, a 1996 Silver Eagle, was given to Marianne Hunter. Larry Foster announced that he needed volunteers to sign-up to present educational programs. The roundtable participants brought several interesting items to show. Karla Galindo showed three San Antonio tokens: two from the Buckhorn museum and one that was issued by Stan Rupert. Py Coryell had a 1935 British crown. Jerry Varnon brought a Claudio I bronze coin from 41-54 AD. David Astwood had 4 coupon bonds from the San Antonio Land and Irrigation Co. issued about 1915. The meeting concluded with a mini-auction conducted by Ron Gale. The Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the last meeting of the month opened with 24 members and 2 visitors present. The attendance prize, a 2002 Silver Eagle, was given to "Lucky Marianne" Hunter. The roundtable discussion included several members. Py Coryell brought a replica of an 1867 Hong-Kong dollar. Robert Lacewell showed a medal from the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan that he acquired on a recent visit to the valley. David Astwood brought several Canadian War of 1812 commemorative medals. Larry Foster showed an 1918 Lincoln error cent. Andy Cardona brought several military challenge coins which all featured patriotic themes. Karla Galindo showed a 1915 movie token promoting the movie serial "The Broken Coin." Frank Galindo brought a Congo Republic 100 Franc coin that featured three elephants. The educational program was presented by Tom Bailey that evening. His topic was "**The One-Dollar Bill.**" He presented the history, composition and design of the modern dollar note. He brought several notes to show the different varieties that are in his collection. He also explained the symbolism of the Great Seal and other features on the one-dollar note. The meeting closed with a mini-auction .

## DISTRICT IX

### South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The Nov. Meeting of the SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB was called to order with 19 members present. President Sharren Rice asked for any additional nominations for club officers for 2003. There were no new nominations so she proceeded with a vote on the nominees. Member voted on these for our 2003 officers. For club president - Ben Cave, for vice president - Lynn Parker, for secretary - Greg Chronhom, treasurer - Lamonte Pitzer, and Board of director - Sharon Rice. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Christmas party and auction has been canceled this year and there will be no meeting in December. Regular meetings will resume with the January 21st meeting. An auction conducted by Sharron, Marty and Gober closed the meeting.

## **Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)**

The November 26th meeting of the Lamb County Coin Club had 8 members present. President Earnest Mills called the meeting to order and opened the floor for discussion. David Keithly announced that our club is now a member of the ANA. Lamonte Pitzer announced that he would no be running for TNA governor of district 9 and Gober Pitzer said that he would run for that office. The club voted to nominate him for that position. Ernest Mills conducted an auction of donated items for a club fundraiser. The auction raised \$172.50 for the club.

## **DISTRICT X**

### **International Coin Club of El Paso (Club Newsletter)**

The Oct. 3, 2002 meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso was called to order by President Chuck Steward at 7:30 p.m. with 37 signed in club members and two guests present. The minutes from the Sept. meeting were read. There were no additions or corrections and the club members voted to accept them as read. Old Business: Willie brought in the menu from Leo's for the Christmas party. The charge to paid club members is free, guests will pay \$10.00 each with children under 12 years paying \$5.00 each. Remember the party is December 13, 6:30 The club will not hold a second meeting in Dec. Letters have been mailed to dealers who have not put a deposit on a table for the 2003 show. Jim Thomas gave a very good report on all the current numismatic news. Chuck conducted our monthly auction with great enthusiasm, and with help from Willie, Don and Scott. Our meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

At the Oct. 17, 2002 Chuck Steward called this meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with 28 club members signed in. The minutes from the last meeting were read with no corrections, and all club members that were present voted to accept them as read. Old Business: A report on the Albuquerque show was given to us by Art. The Christmas party is locked in for the 13th of Dec. at Leo's Downtown. Guests will pay \$10.00 each with children under 12 years paying \$5.00. 34 Tables has already been reserved for our 2003 show. Jim gave us a report on his collection of items for our show raffle and stated that he had at least 40 items for the Christmas Party drawings. Jim also gave us a good report of all the numismatic happenings. Vicente Vita presented this month's program on Nicaragua Money.

Chuck Steward called the Nov. 7th meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 41 club members and three guests present. The minutes from the last meeting were read and as there were no corrections or additions they were approved by those present. We lost one of our club members, George McKeever to a heart attack, our condolence to his family. Our club will make a donation to the Heart Association in his memory. Walt reported that Mrs. McKeever would like to put some of George's coins in the auction. An application for membership in to our club was received along with his dues from Paul Santana. All members present voted to accept him into the club. Welcome

Paul. Ballots for Life Membership will be passed out to those present and mailed to those members not present. Patrick Curran gave us a report on the TNA show held in May in central Texas, and a note will be sent to the TNA Treasurer that Patrick was elected as TNA Governor this November. Jim gave us a rundown on the raffle items and stated that the tickets will go to press soon. Jim also gave us a good report on the current numismatic happenings. An exciting auction again conducted by Chuck with the help of Willie, Don and Scott. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chuck Steward call the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 34 club members and three guest, Valerie Anthony, George Anthony and Pat Smith, present. The minutes from the November 7th meeting were read and as there were no corrections or additions they were approved by those present. Old Business: More than 50% of our tables for our 2003 show have been reserved. New Business: The club's Board of Directors will hold its quarterly meeting on December 7th at 8:30 am at Mike and Ana's. The final plans for the 2003 show will be discussed and settled at this time. News: Jim Thomas reported on the numismatic news that has come up since our last meeting. John Grost gave us a very interesting program on Leper Coins. This meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

## **DISTRICT XI**

### **Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)**

The Golden Spread Coin Club held its meeting on January 6, 2003. There were 8 members & 1 visitor present. The minutes & the Finances were approved. In old business it was decided to let Mike & Doug continue to work to get the 501C3 approved. Just let them take care of it. We are having trouble getting our new articles of incorporation approved by the state of Texas. The Christmas party was very good. We had 28 people in attendance. We had lots of prizes. National coin week is coming up. Next month we will meet in a different room. There was a problem getting the room we normally reserve. Tommy brought up that our Coin Show in August wasn't in the TNA news again. The show is August 16 -17 , 2003. Contact Ted Winton at 806-352-8281 for tables. Doug stated that he had emailed that information in twice already. It should be in the next TNA news next time. Tommy gave a very good program on Morgan & Peace Dollars. The program was about the VAM numbers on Dollars. The program was very good.

## **DISTRICT XIII**

### **Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)**

We were unable to attend the November meeting and there was no meeting in December. All members of the club were invited to attend the Christmas Party to be held jointly by the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club and the Texoma Stamp Club on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)**

The regular monthly meeting was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the third Thursday, as Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Thursday. George Woodburn presented a program on "Stamp Collecting". The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> in lieu of the regular December meeting. All members of the Texoma Stamp Club and the Greenbelt Coin Club will be invited to join in. John Van Dunk won the membership drawing. Winners of the door prizes were Gene Wheeler and Butch Krasovic

The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall of the Beverly Drive United Methodist Church. There were approximately 20 attendees. Everyone enjoyed a traditional meal of turkey with all the trimmings catered by Luby's Cafeterias. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship, culminating in a gift exchange.

**REMINDER:** Beginning with the first meeting of the new year, 23 January 2003, the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club will meet in the TV Room at Merrill Gardens, 5100 Kell West. There is no change in the meeting time.

**Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor, District 13**

## **District XIV**

### **Hidalgo Coin Club (Internet Report)**

The Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley met in December for their annual Holiday Meeting with 32 present. Those present were reminded of the 15th Annual Coin and Collectible Show to be held at the Pharr Civic Center on February 8, 2003. Don Higgins, Bourse Chairman, has reported that the table sales have been brisk and members were reminded to reserve a table soon if they wanted one. After refreshments, a large auction was conducted by Ed Miedema. Ed is a Winter Texan member of the club and is from Yankton, South Dakota. In January the Club will celebrate its 42nd birthday. Submitted by: Helen Snider, Club Secretary

## **District XV**

### **Beaumont Coin Club**

The October meeting began with President George Fortune calling the monthly meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club to order. Barbara Williams was present with the club and show balance and the minutes were approved as mailed. Members were reminded that the December meeting will be held on the third Thursday of December at the Red Lobster for our annual Christmas Party with the Silsbee Club. It was announced that the Beaumont Club agreed to divide the remaining show money between the four clubs. The fall show is set for September 19-21, 2003. If a bourse chairman is found. Barbara and Jerry discussed their trip to Branson and St. Louis and the Silver

Dollar Show. The program was given by Yvonne Duren on Russian Currency. An auction was held then the meeting was dismissed.

The November meeting began when President George Fortune called the meeting to order. Barbara was present with the treasury report and minutes were approved as mailed out. Members were asked to think of what committees they desired to be on for the New Year. And start thinking of ways to draw in members. Children's Auction Committee: Jim Eldridge has been donating his door prizes from the Port Arthur Club for many year's the latest donation is a 1972s Proof Ike Dollar. The program for the month was the yearly Club Auction

## Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

Our November 7th meeting was held at the County Clinic Building adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport. We had 10 members in attendance with no visitors. Carol Broussard announced that the location of our Christmas Party would have to be moved. It was discovered that Pedreaux's was closed down for repairs through the end of the year, not to mention that the establishment had a Channel Inn sign hanging from its marquis. Carol checked a couple of other places for our last minute gathering. We were fortunate enough to find a place with a banquet room and a choice of entrees. We settled on the Brisket Room across from Central Mall, in the old Fowler's Furniture Store, directly across from the new Applebee's Restaurant. The Brisket Room has given us a choice of Seafood or Barbecue. You can't beat that on such a short notice. The Christmas Party will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 5. Hats off to Carol for her perseverance in finding us a Banquet Room for our Christmas Party.

We discussed the nomination of new officers for the upcoming year. Jerry stated that he and the other committee members would name the nominees at our Christmas Party on December 5th. We also discussed having 2 more drawings for free memberships or free Christmas meals, whichever the recipient preferred. One drawing would be held in November and the other in December at the Christmas Banquet.

The program of the month was brought by Jerry and Barbara. They shared with us their trip they took to Missouri. They traveled to Branson and St. Louis. They attended "The Silver Dollar Coin Show", a very large show in St. Louis that had approximately 250 dealers. They toured the Budweiser Plant for 1 1/2 hour one day. They also toured Grant's Farm, a 280 acre farm where the Clydesdale horses are raised. They also went up into the famous Archway to the West and browsed some theaters and museums.

### DOORPRIZES were awarded as follows;

Free Club Membership for 1 year - J. W. McManus

Silver Round - Barbara Williams

1972-S Proof Eisenhower Dollar - Jim Eldridge

1982 Proof Set - Barbara Williams

1987 Mint Set - Betty Scott

TNA Medal - Lynn Broussard

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Jefferson County Clinic Building, 7965 Viterbo Rd. adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport. ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Submitted by: Carlton Simmons - Secretary

## District XVII

### Waco Coin Club (Wacoinews—club newsletter)

Vice-President, Alan Wood called the November meeting of the Waco Coin Club to order with 29 members and guests present. The October minutes were accepted as printed. Glen Hardin provided the treasurer's report, which was accepted as read. No December meeting will be held. The annual membership dinner will be held again this year at Uncle Dan's on Lake Air Drive. Dinner will be served at 7:30 PM. December 12, 2002. Please gather in the banquet room, and then we can all go through the line together. This is a time for fellowship, no regular order of business. Ray Leggett brought in a rough draft of the proposed advertisement for this year's combined show, asking for input and any corrections. Membership agreed the ad looked fine. The club is running out of starter sets for joining junior members, club in agreement to research into purchasing more to have for future needs. Ray Leggett reported the coin display continues to receive accolades from the banks displaying it. It is currently at the First National Bank on Valley Mills Drive for the month of December 2002. Hugh Smith reported that eight tables for the coin & stamp have been reserved. These are all none local dealers. The Marriott Inn across from the Convention Center has reneged on the deal that the Show Committee had come to an agreement on. Also there was a blunder with this portion of the literature that goes with the application mail-outs, so Hugh had to send a letter of explanation along, because the reprint would throw the time frame past the show.

Vice-President, Alan Wood called the Dec. dinner meeting to order with 29 members and guest present. Alan Wood offered prayer, and dinner was served, guests choice from the dinner buffet line at Uncle Dan's. The dinner and fellowship was completed and adjourned. The January meeting will be held on Jan 9, 2003 at 7:30 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church 6125 Bosque, Waco TX. The church is located just west of North Valley Mills Drive on the corner of Bosque Avenue & Fishpond Road. Annual membership fees are due.

## CLUB/PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

### GATEWAY COIN CLUB, INC. Of San Antonio, TX

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:00PM at  
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People's Church, San Juan, Texas

For information write to  
**Helen Snider—Club Secretary,**  
P.O. Box 1582,  
McAllen, TX 78505  
(956) 631-8301

### Stephenville Coin Club

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### Waco Coin Club

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